Franklin County Council

Memorandum and Minutes

March 26, 2013 - 7:00PM

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Present: Jeff Koch, Dean McQueen, Daryl Kramer, Hollie Maxie, Becky Oglesby, Aaron Leffingwell. Joe Sizemore absent.

Auditor: Stephen Brack

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Koch and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Statement by Jeff Koch – This is just a reminder to all department heads and all other outside groups that any statements made by a county council member outside a regularly scheduled county council meeting is their opinion and does not represent council as a whole. No action can legally take place unless brought before council, discussed and noted on in a regular council meeting. This is the proper way county government has always been run and will continue to run. Again this is just a reminder.

Minutes – A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the minutes of Feb. 26, 2013 and 2nd by Becky Oglesby. Jeff Koch abstained as he was absent.

Extension Board – Joann Koch was present at the meeting asking for funding on the clerical position in the Extension Office. She also asked if there was a hiring freeze and is the county in a financial crisis and why is the money not available for their program? She asked the council if they have ever heard of Capacity Funding. She said that with 3 educators in the Extension Office they are going to needing additional help do to doing research, programs and training. She suggested that people do not understand what is happening in this office and they will be inviting the Commissioners and Council members to participate in their office and activities to better understand their office. They need to fill the position as soon as possible. Council woman Becky Oglesby stated that she has not received one phone call in support from the action at the last meeting. The Extension Office had a secretary and for some reason she was let go. It is her opinion that it is due to a managerial problem. She stated that she had been in the office several times and nobody was there to answer the phone or assist her. She also commented that people need to let her know how important this position is. This will be addressed at the next budget hearing. Jeff Koch asked why not use the money in the budget for this position. A question was asked that if a Dept. Head or employee retires, quits, gets fired, etc. will the particular position not be filled? Council Aaron Leffingwell noted that he might be in favor of a part-time person. Becky Oglesby stated we need to save the county money, we need to check out every situation we have as to not lose money for the county.

LOW System – Further discussion was held regarding the switch from Harris System to LOW System. Several questions were presented regarding additional information. A motion was made by Hollie Maxie to table until next month, 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations – A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to decline \$1000.00 for County General – Personal Services, 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to decline Economic Development – Capital Outlay - \$123,618 and adjust to \$1,382.00 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hollie Maxie to approve Newly Elected Official Training, Auditors Ineligible Deductions Operation Pullover and County Law Enforcement and 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve County Misdemeanant 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve CAGIT Certified Shares and 2nd by Hollie Maxie. Motion carried. A motion to table Rainy Day – Other Serv. and Charges – for additional information was made by Aaron Leffingwell and 2nd by Hollie Maxie. Motion Carried.

Transfers – A motion was made by Daryl Kramer and 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell to approve. Motion carried.

Association of Indiana Counties – Aaron Leffingwell noted he had an email from AIC that there is an amendment added to HB1116 requiring appointed library board to have their budgets receive a binding review by a fiscal body. The library boards are opposing this amendment. Aaron Leffingwell made a motion that council writes a letter to our Senators supporting this amendment. Daryl Kramer 2nd the motion. Joann Koch noted that before anything is done council should speak to the President of the local library board to see what impact this would have locally. The vote died with Daryl Kramer, Aaron Leffingwell and Becky Oglesby voting AYE and Hollie Maxie, Jeff Koch and Dean McQueen voting NAY.

Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Daryl Kramer and 2nd by Hollie Maxie. Motion carried.

Others present: Sheldon Strothman, Linda Vaughan, James Sprague, Douglas Kreiger, Veronica Voelker, Holly Murray, Joann Koch, Darin Hodapp, Ken Murphy, Bill Schirmer and Jeff Batchler.

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